

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed June 7, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-14 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-14 were rejected.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Publication "Metadata and GIS; An ERSI White Paper", published on October 2002 by ESRI ("ESRI"), in view of U.S. Patent 6,879,988 issued to Yuri Basin et al. ("Basin").

Claims 2, 10, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over ERSI in view of Basin, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0050919 issued to Michael Wayne Brown et al. ("Brown").

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over ERSI in view of Basin, and further in view of website "Geography Network", published on August 1, 2001 at <http://web.archive.org/web/20010801165214/www.geographynetwork.com/data/index.html> ("Geography").

Applicants are submitting Declarations Pursuant to Rule 1.131, which accompany this Response. The effect of the Declarations is removal of the ESRI reference as prior art.

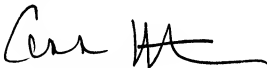
CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims.

Applicants enclose a Petition for One Month Extension of Time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$60.00 fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P. Applicants believe there are no additional fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.322.2634.

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